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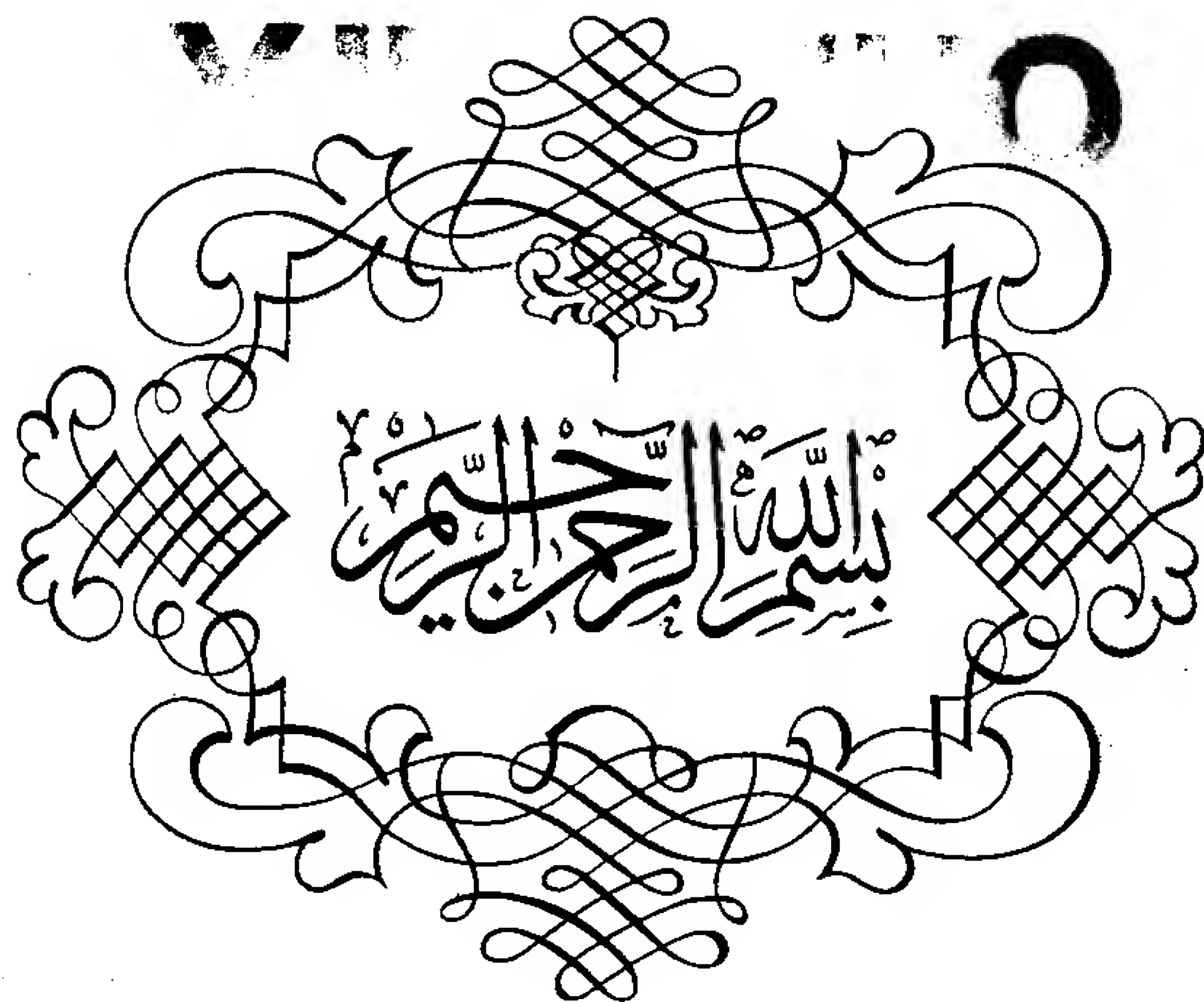
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Advent of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), and how did a Jew enter the fold of Islam?

Ali (رضي الله عنه) reported:

“A Jew who was named so-and-so, a learned doctor, had some Dinars due from the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ). He demanded (them) back from the Prophet but he told him: ‘O Jew! There is nothing with me which I can give you’. He said: ‘O Muhammad! I shall not go away from you till you give me’. Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) said: ‘In that case I shall keep sitting with you’. He sat with him. The Prophet (ﷺ) prayed *Zuhr, Asr, Maghrib*, the last *Isha* and then *Fajr*. The Companions of Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) were threatening him and were about to drive him out. The Prophet (ﷺ) drew attention to what they were doing with him. They said: ‘O Messenger of Allah! A Jew is detaining you.’ Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) said: ‘My Lord prohibited me to oppress a covenantee or anyone else.’ When the day dawned, the Jew said: ‘I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, and half of my property is in the way of Allah. Behold! By Allah, I have not done with you what I have done with you but to examine your descriptions in the Torah: Muhammad, son of Abdullah, his birthplace is Makkah and his place of migration is Taibah, his kingdom is in Sham; neither unmannerly, nor harsh, nor wandering the markets nor prone to indecency of word or treachery. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah and that you are the Messenger of Allah. This is my property. Pass order about it as Allah gave you wisdom’. The Jew had enormous wealth.”

[Baihaqi]⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ *Islamic Review*. June 1944, Vol. 32, No. 6. P P. 229, 230.

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The Graces of Allāh upon the humankind are numerous. But the greatest one is the Faith of Islam bestowed to humanity.

Those who have been blessed with it are actually the most fortunate persons. If one is awarded with Faith and guided to the Straight Way, it matters little for him whether he has been provided with worldly blessings like wealth, power, dignity etc. or not.

Islam is highly beneficial to humanity both in this life and in the life hereafter. It is a source of goodness and virtues in this world as it guides a man to lead a righteous life, elevates the mind and moral standards, and takes him out from darkness to light. And as regards in the life hereafter, it insures for him the Paradise adorned with the articles of pleasure and delight.

The book under study ‘Why Islam is Our only Choice’ comprises the personal remarks and observations by those lucky ones who were blessed with Islam. It has a detailed description as to how they were so impressed with Islam that obliged them to take such a major but uphill decision to abandon the religion of their forefathers. It is evident enough that Islam is the only religion which is so widely accepted by the large number of people each day.

These reverts belong to every class of society but mostly to the learned and intellectual ones.

The Compiler of this book, Mr. Muhammad Haneef Shahid is a beloved son of Pakistan, a renowned scholar, author and editor of a number of books. He has a deep love for Islam. He has spent most of his life in the field of learning and knowlege. He has dedicated his life to impart knowledge, specially of Islam to a wide range of people. I was introduced to him in 1993. In this short period, I was greatly impressed with his virtues and qualities.

Dar-us-Salam is publishing this compilation with the hope that it will provide to the seekers of Truth, the impressions of those persons who have find out the Truth in the form of Islam, and are enjoining its blessings.

Abdul-Malik Mujahid
General Manager
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God will perfect His Light

I would like one copy of the *Review* sent to some English man or woman who, you think, might be interested in Islam, and to remove thereby a part of the barrier of lies that has been built around our Holy Faith by people of other religions, especially the Christian missionaries. 'They wish to put out the Light of God with their mouths, but God will perfect His Light'. I have been living in the Faith of Islam, now 40 years having been converted^[1], and made my first *Hajj* in the year 1311 A.H., and have constantly been working amongst my European friends to clear the Faith of Islam from the lies that have been built up like a wall around it by its enemies. I am certain that from the first days of Islam, the preachers of other faiths were afraid that if the truth about our Holy Religion were known, there would be very few that would adhere any longer to those other religions which Islam came to supplant.^[2]

(Al-Haj) Abdullah Fadhil Williamson

^[1] In place of the words 'convert' 'converted' or 'conversion' we use 'revert' 'reverted' or 'reversion', as according to our Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم every child is born on Islam, but his parents convert him to their respective religions. So whenever a non-Muslim enters into the fold of Islam, we use the words 'revert', 'reverted' or 'reversion' etc., for him — *Editor*.

^[2] *Islamic Review*. June 1933, Vol. 21, No. 6, p. 199,200.

Islam alone can bring peace to this world

I feel that I must write and express my heartfelt thanks to all my Muslim brothers who, on my embracing Islam have so kindly written or sent telegrams to me. I appreciate their good wishes more than my words can convey.

After the last war, when the world waded through streams of blood, I thought that all peace and goodwill was at an end but the fact that my brethren across the seven seas are so willing to extend a hand of friendship brings a message of hope and good cheer to me. This has proved to me more than anything else, that Islam alone can bring peace to this world.^[1]

C.E. Abdullah Archibald W. Hamilton

Selsey (Sussex)

January 8, 1924.

Islam is a Light

A search after Truth in matters spiritual has shown me that Islam is a Light which dispels the gloom of doubt and misgiving, a Faith which through its appeal to an acknowledgment of a simple and eternal Truth, and its revelation of the love of God, and His Wisdom and Justice, brings comfort and strength to the soul.

May the pure Light of Islam, by the grace of God, spread far and wide, and its peace prevail.^[2]

C.G.H. Abdur-Rahman

^[1] *Islamic Review*. February 1924. Vol. 12, No. 2, pp. 77,78.

^[2] *Islamic Review*. February 1924, Vol. 12, No. 2, p. 78.

Islam satisfies the spiritual craving of intellectual humanity

On Friday, the 5th of August, I was converted and became a member of the great worldwide religious fraternity of Islam. Prior to my conversion, I followed Christianity as a unit of the Roman Catholic persuasion; but owing to the ritualism practised and the dogmatism imposed, coupled with, what I may with justice term, the Pantheon of lesser deities (the Calendar of Saints), I found myself seeking another avenue for my religious expression. Protestantism, Methodism and the minor Christian sects drove me into a nebulous state, and I became apathetic as far as religion was concerned. But the innate urge to worship God truthfully goaded me, and I applied myself to the study of Christian metaphysics. In metaphysical Christianity I found some solace, but transcendentalism often conflicts with logic, and I needed something rational. Fortunately, I came in contact with Mr. Abdur-Rahman and some other Muslim gentlemen who, upon my asking, readily placed all Islamic literature available at my disposal. Incidentally I became deeply impressed with the tenets of Islam. I diligently studied Islam and compared its teachings with those taught to me formerly, and finally arrived at the blessed conclusion that the Religion preached by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) is the only one which stands out prominently as connotative of the marvellous grandeur of God and one which satisfies the spiritual craving of intellectual humanity.^[1]

Abu Bakr Beaumont-Benjamin
(Formerly *Roderick Leofric Beaumont-Benjamin*)

^[1] *Islamic Review*. January-February 1933, Vol. 21, Nos. 1-2, pp. 26,27.

In the Qur'ân, there is a plain direction for everyone; it is logic and no mysticism

[Mr. Ahmad A. Allan was born in New Zealand some weeks after his father's death. He was brought to England soon after and was educated at private schools. Being the only child, was left much to his own devices - became an omnivorous reader as a schoolboy, acquired a copy of Sale's Qur'ân and was much struck with it — at that early age and could see through and was thoroughly disgusted with the hypocrisy of those professing Christianity and their leaders. Of recent years, he has studied the Qur'ân a great deal — therein is 'a plain direction for everyone'; it is logic and no mysticism the best commentary on the Qur'ân is: It requires none to teach and illustrate its meanings (so read it with an unbiased mind all you who wish to know the truth and seek guidance —*Editor*].

It must not be taken that I am 'renegading' from any creed, for, as a child, I received no particular religious instruction at school; the Scriptures and the Gospel were just used as a daily reading lesson, and not taught otherwise. I mention this, as I know converts often are looked upon with suspicion and contempt, particularly by the Osmanlis.

I have not been photographed since a boy as I had an idea that it was rather against the law (*Shariat*).

I never followed any particular creed. I think, when a child, I used to be occasionally sent to church for respectability's sake, but had a furious and instinctive dislike for its rituals, not being able to understand anything that I used to hear there.^[1]

Ahmad A. Allan

^[1] *Islamic Review*. September 1931, Vol. 19, No. 9, P. 344